



SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

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DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2003
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SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INTRODUCES THE S.T.O.P.P.E.D. PROGRAM....

SHERIFFS TELLING OUR PARENTS AND PROMOTING EDUCATED DRIVERS

ON FEBRUARY 11, 2003, AT 9:00 A.M., SHERIFF GARY STEED WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 141 WEST ELM, IN THE DETENTION TRAINING ROOM TO INTRODUCE THE S.T.O.P.P.E.D. PROGRAM, A PARENTAL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO HELP REDUCE THE NUMBER OF YOUNG DRIVERS INVOLVED IN MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES.

THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OFFERS PARENTS THIS VOLUNTARY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM TO EXTEND THEIR WATCHFUL EYES AND RAISE THE AWARENESS OF DRIVERS UNDER THE AGE OF 21.

IF FOR ANY REASON THE REGISTERED VEHICLE, WHEN OPERATED BY A DRIVER UNDER THE AGE OF 21, IS STOPPED BY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, THE DEPUTY WILL COMPLETE A NOTIFICATION CARD PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- TIME AND LOCATION OF STOP
- DRIVER'S NAME AND NUMBER OF PASSENGERS
- REASON FOR THE STOP
- WHETHER ANY TRAFFIC TICKETS WERE ISSUED.

NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO PARENTS TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF POTENTIAL PROBLEMS AND ENABLE THEM TO ENFORCE ANY PARENTAL RULES THAT OFTEN COEXIST WITH TEENAGE DRIVING PRIVILEGES.

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